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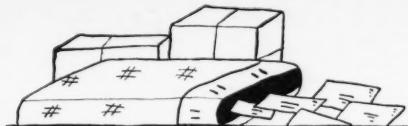
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LETTERS FROM READERS

Some nature-study questions

What of "Nature Study" in camps? Poor battered subject! Have any camps re-assessed their nature programs in the light of present-day living conditions? Have any camps data regarding the following thoughts?:

Suburban children hear discussions by their parents about their own landscaping around their own houses; for example, selection of plants and flowers and their care. Both suburban and city children hear discussions about house plants and flowers: their care, suitability, cost, and lasting qualities and selection for certain occasions, holidays, celebrations such as birthdays, entertainments, remembrances and gifts.

There are many flower shows children and their parents visit. Here again is an area of which the children are a part. Some mothers and fathers "make up" exhibits for flower shows and celebrations. Other children have parents whose businesses are concerned with flowers.

Schools, churches, and other organizations and institutions connected with childhood are concerned with flowers and plants and indoor gardens of all sorts as well.

What are camps doing about preparing children for an awareness and knowledge of the "non-wild" but cultivated plants, shrubs, flowers? Their care, selection and gift suitability? What about learning through doing flower arrangements, plants for indoor gardens, etc., in the camps' own "nature program?" This goes for aquaria as well.

Lillian Zarakov
Camp Zakelo
Harrison, Maine

Parents' dilemma

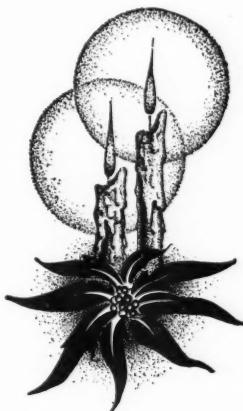
We had to stop and chuckle over the enclosed article. The author, Mr. Albert Banks, is cartoonist on our local newspaper. When he began to get irate about our procedures for

getting his boy into one of our three camps, we braced ourselves for a ribbing via his sketches. Instead he dictated this article. Hope you enjoy it yourself; it's too good to keep localized.

John A. Chadwick
YMCA, Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Bank's article begins, "If you haven't been part of it yourself, you've at least heard about it—I mean this business of getting an army ready for shipment to some distant point overseas." It ends, "So you're pretty smug about it. You go down to the office and in an offhand way mention to the first guy you meet that you have just shipped your youngster off to camp. 'And what I went through,' you say, expecting sympathy of course. This guy, same guy you are talking to, looks at you through a mist. Then he smirks at you, actually smirks! 'Ha, he says, 'you're braggin'? I just sent three of 'em!'

In between, there is a lot of luscious humor, from the parents point of view.



Help wanted on dramatics

I was a counselor this past summer, and experimented on two occasions with dramatics. However, it

seemed more of an ordeal than fun to the participating campers. Next year, I am to have full charge of dramatics, and I want to avoid the troubles of this summer and make the program really attractive. I will appreciate any suggestions you may be able to offer.

I will be working with boys from seven to fifteen, divided into two age groups. Our dramatic productions will have to be completed within a two-week period, since we lose most of our boys every two weeks. Facilities include a full-size stage with draw curtain.

My biggest problem last year was creating a sustained interest. The boys were anxious enough to put on a play, until they started rehearsals. Then too, last year's group was not divided by age, which made it difficult to select a play or skit with universal appeal. Any help you can render in this connection will be deeply appreciated.

Mack E. Horsmon
Oxford, Ohio

Can CAMPING MAGAZINE readers write letters giving helpful advice to Counselor Horsmon? Or suggest sources of helpful material? Address letters to him care of CAMPING MAGAZINE, please.

Swimming pool data

Our camp, since it is not located near a natural body of water, has a swimming pool. We would appreciate it if you could refer us to some source from which we could obtain comprehensive information that would enable us to check up on our pool operating practices to see whether there are any possible improvements we could make.

Camp Director

An excellent publication on this subject is "Recommended Practice for Design, Equipment and Operation of Swimming Pools and Other Public Bathing Places." This is an official report of the American Public Health Association, 1790 Broadway, New York City, and is available, we understand, at 50c per copy.

Loveliest mother

Ken Smith, about whose wife the enclosed newspaper article was written, is an active member of ACA and Program Chairman of the 1951 regional conference in Detroit. I



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think it might be interesting to have comments such as this in the magazine.

Ethel F. Bebb
Redbook Magazine
New York City

The clipping referred to is from the Detroit Free Press. It contains a 7-by-10 inch picture of Mrs. Smith and their two children, and salutes Mrs. Smith as winner of the 1950 "Loveliest Mother in Michigan" contest. Included in the article is mention that Mrs. Smith "cherishes a family of 122—two of the flock her own children, the other 120 are the young boys she 'mothers' at Camp Charlevoix each summer."

Poem for (in) active members

This was sent in by John Lennox, of the ACA Central New York Section. Why not run it in the magazine?

Gerald P. Burns
ACA Executive Director
Chicago

Here's the poem; we think it quite appropriate at this time when ACA Section fall and winter programs are getting under way.

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Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
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That your name is on the list?

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And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "just belong"?

There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate it if you, too,
Will come and help us out.

So come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart,
Don't just be a member
But take an active part.

Think this over, Brother;
You know right from wrong.
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Anonymous

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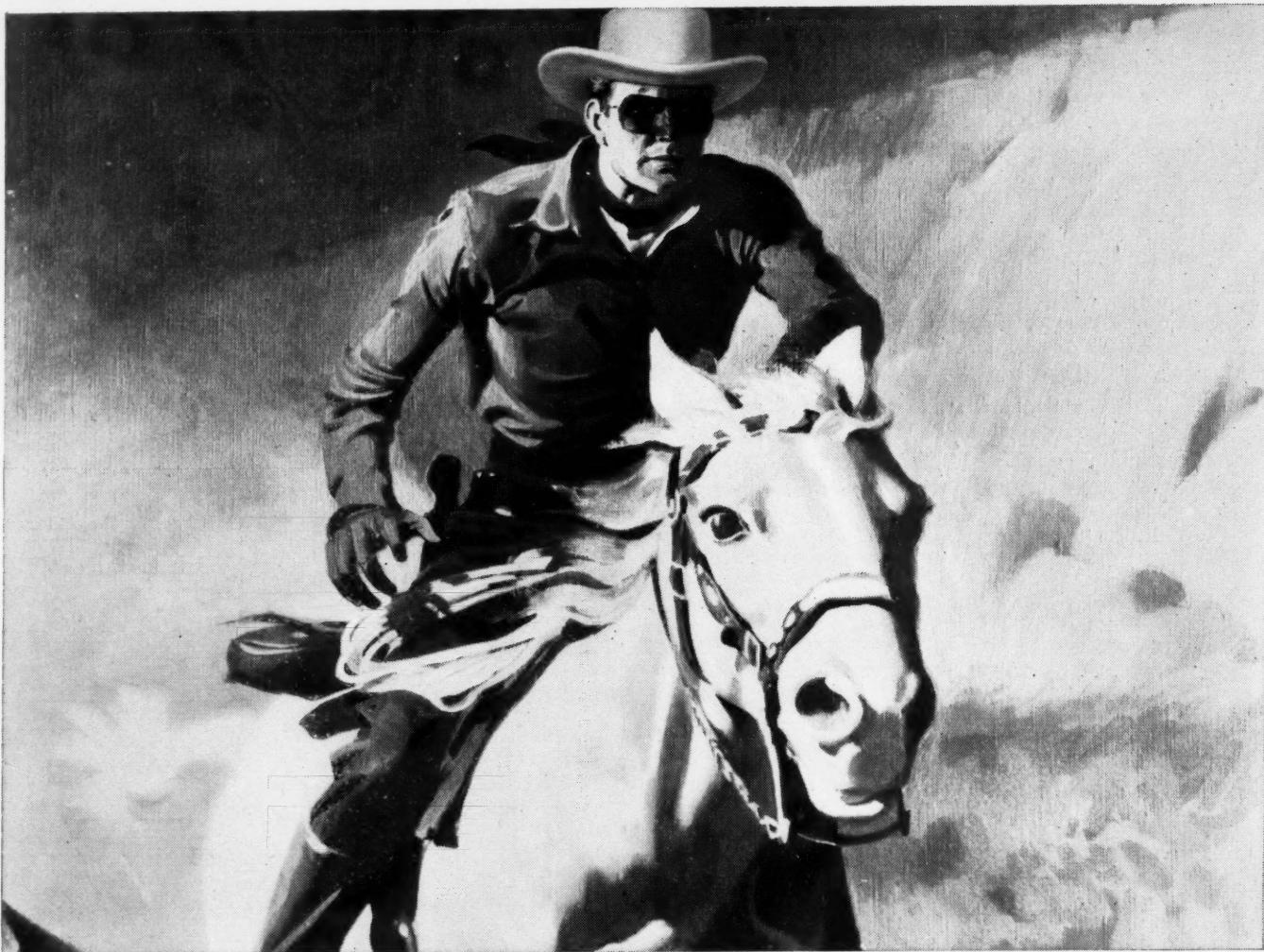
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Our cover picture is titled "Roaming Deer" and is published through the courtesy of Frank Gehr, naturalist, lecturer, photographer, and teacher of camping skills. Two articles from Mr. Gehr's pen are scheduled for publication in early issues of CAMPING MAGAZINE.



What's the Lone Ranger doing here?

It's not as strange as you might think. For our masked friend, with his faithful helpers, Silver and Tonto, has long been a star "salesman" for General Mills. And this year he's taking on an extra job. He's going to help round up more boys and girls for your camps.

On his radio program, and on three other General Mills programs, we're turning over a part of the time to the promotion of camping. You'll hear regular announcements for boys' and girls' camps on "The Lone Ranger," "Armstrong of S.B.I.," "The Breakfast Club," and "Live like a Millionaire."

We hope plenty of parents hear those announcements, too. And we hope you pack 'em in next summer.

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are helping to build better citizens, to strengthen the future of America.

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Effective Program Planning

THE THINGS children do at camp determine the significance of the experience for them: that is why program planning is so important a function. A cursory survey of a number of camping situations, however, reveals a number of misconceptions which must be corrected if high-level programming is to be achieved.

First, there is the assumption that group workers skilled in a city setting make the best camp staff. This ignores the fact that a knowledge of group dynamics is only *one* of many attributes of good camp personnel. Also desirable are knowledge of the beauties and mysteries of nature, self-confidence in outdoor living, ability to share and enjoy robust play with others, temperament to live with others 24 hours a day and wear well in the process, possession of a number of camping skills, etc.

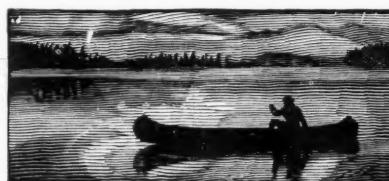
Second, in an attempt to get away from the set-schedule or imposed program idea, the pendulum has swung to the other extreme in some camps. Counselors are told that one must never dictate program, that campers must decide for themselves all the things they would like to do. This limits a counselor's leadership opportunities; also campers, especially new ones, are likely to be bewildered, and to expect them to plan for themselves without help is unrealistic.

Third, there is the notion that all activity must produce growth. Yet real growth takes place slowly and only over long periods of time. Let's not be afraid of activity for the sake of pure enjoyment. Pure fun and exuberance of spirit are good for the soul and should have high priority in program planning.

What we want campers to derive from their activities will of course influence program planning. Here are some useful guides as to what children should get from camping:

- (1) Develop an appreciation of nature;
- (2) Develop specific outdoor skills;
- (3) Learn to live, play, and work in a democratic group;
- (4) Develop self-reliance;
- (5) Have fun, wholesome body-building activities, good food and good air.
- (6) Develop good habits of hygiene, eating, sleeping, etc.

A program geared to accomplish these goals must take into consideration a number of factors. Selection of campers is one. Not all children will benefit from a trip to camp. To protect such children and the others in camp who would be affected by their unhappiness, careful interviews of parents and children by skilled interviewers are highly desirable.



Another misconception has been to assume that caseworkers can best handle this task. Here again, casework is only *one* of the skills required; experience has shown that well rounded senior camp staff often make the best intake people.

Psychological preparation of new campers and parents for the camping experience is important. Their adjustments and reactions in camp will depend on what they have been expecting, and how parents react to the separation in letters from home, etc.

Careful division of campers into cabin groups is generally recognized as essential to providing an atmosphere of acceptance and security for campers, and encouraging the companionship of doing things together and by common consent. Recommended principles to observe in grouping are that children should be permitted to choose their own associates, groups should be permitted to decide on additions to their numbers, attempts should be made to have each group homogeneous in age and development, and the first few days in camp should be the trying-out stage, in which campers can change groups if they wish. It should be remembered, however, that while the cabin group is the basic unit in camp programming, this group should not continue to function in isolation. If it does, its individuals will not feel related to those in other groups, and the feeling of camp as an entity will be lost. Moreover, there are greater program opportunities in inter-group and campwide activities than in just the single group.

The quality of programming will be no better than the quality of staff. Careful selection, pre-camp training and supervision are imperative.

Several examples come to mind of the benefits of high-level programming. In one camp, the campers' council was discussing how to welcome and make a group of newly arriving campers feel at home. The council drew up a plan which involved all cabin groups, and drew on arts and crafts, dramatics and song. Several cabins made welcoming posters. Another composed a song of welcome. Still others wrote and acted skits telling the new campers about the many possibilities for fun and adventure at camp. One cabin helped sort new campers' baggage. This campwide project not only successfully welcomed the new group, but provided opportunity for cooperation across cabin groups.

In another camp, which emphasized canoe trips and overnights, an imaginative staff person suggested a major project to the campers' council. Why not build permanent overnight facilities at the portages and usual stopping places? The entire camp enthused in this activity. A wonderful feeling of accomplishment and contribution to others accompanied the activity.

Many more such high-level camp activities could be mentioned. The important point is that rich program resources—acres of diamonds in our own back yards—exist in the surroundings of practically every camp.



Cooking cheese buns and hoke chowder



Washing and sterilization of dishes

Campers Really Go for this

All-Camp Outdoor

IUTDOOR cooking has been stressed at Camp Nebagamon for many years. Still, when the outdoor cooking question was discussed at evaluation meetings held by counselors, it was decided more emphasis should be placed on all phases of outdoor lore, with special emphasis on outdoor cooking.

To put the new program into effect a director of outdoor cooking was selected to coordinate the program for the entire camp.

The first step in starting the new camping season was to give special training and practice in outdoor lore and cooking to all counselors during the pre-camp training period. Included were use of knife and axe, fire-building, camp safety, cooking, and sterilization of cooking utensils and dishes. Several different menus were prepared by the counselors during the pre-camp training period.

The next step was to set up a 10-point program that would be carried out by the campers during the entire camping season. The program included four points that would be judged during the entire season, and six which would be judged at each separate cook-out.

Ten important points

1. Selection of A Cook-Out Site
Each cabin group was encouraged

to select a permanent cook-out site to be used for all its cook-outs during the season. Sites were to be judged on location, trees, drainage, location of fireplace, etc.

2. Camp Cook-Out Gadgets

Developing the cook-out site was to be a major project for each cabin during the summer. Each cabin was encouraged to build ice boxes, garbage disposal units, tables, chairs, fireplaces, and various rustic gadgets.

3. Cabin Cook-Out Boxes

To tie in the outdoor cooking with the handicraft shop, each cabin was encouraged to build and decorate a cook-out box that would be used to keep all cook-out equipment and supplies.

4. Cabin Cook-Out Sign

Another handicraft item was the making of a rustic cabin sign or cabin name-plate. This sign was to be a part of the camp cook-out site.

The six points to be judged at each separate cook-out included:

5. Cabin Organization

Each cabin was to be judged at each cook-out on how well the cabin was organized for the event. Organization included firebuilders, wood gatherers and cutters, cooks, dishwashers, and cleaners to clean up the campsite, take care of fires.

6. Preparation of Food

Special instruction was given in preparation of all menus, and each cabin was judged on how well its members were able to follow instructions in carrying out certain menus, types of fires needed, cleanliness, and cabin organization in getting the food prepared.

7. Method of Serving Food

Cabins were encouraged to organize their own methods of serving food: family style, cafeteria, etc. Table decorations and table manners were soon found to be a part of serving of food.

8. Sterilization of Dishes

Campers became aware of the importance of doing a good job of sterilizing their own eating and cooking utensils. It was very interesting to see the various methods devised by some cabins for doing this important job.

9. Site Clean Up

In a very short time this part of the program was found to have a definite effect on all campers on trips out of camp. They learned the importance of making certain that all cooking and camp fires were properly extinguished, and that everything was left in ship-shape order.

10. Program for Cook-Out

Each cabin group was encouraged to plan a cook-out program that would take care of not only the cook-

out, but an evening program as well. These programs turned out to be the highlight of the week, with the campers learning many interesting games, contests, stunts and songs.

Following each cook-out, cabin scores were posted on the village bulletin board. Conferences were held with cabin counselors where suggestions and criticism were in order. Emphasis was placed upon camper participation as far as possible, with cabin counselors acting only as supervisors. In a short time, there were

the planning of the various menus used during the summer. They were planned so that various methods of cooking would be utilized: Hobo stoves, aluminum foil, green stick, reflector oven, and No. 10 tin can.

Mimeographed copies of the menu and suggestions for its preparation were given to each cabin counselor several days in advance of the day of the cook-out, thus, both counselors and campers could make plans for the type of cooking to be done and equipment that would be needed.

BY ORVAL B. CRAIG
Staff Member Camp Nebagamon

Cooking Program

many "rocking-chair" counselors, with campers wishing to take over all the cooking duties. Many leaders reported they were really enjoying the cook-out program for the first time.

Following the last cook-out, and during the last week of camp, village counselors gave campers from the winning cabin in each village a steak fry as a reward.

Considerable thought was given to

Other Cooking Activities

Cabin cook-outs are only a part of the overall cook-out program carried on at Camp Nebagamon. During the season each village holds its own Village Barbecue. During the past season, village outdoor doughnut fries were also successful and popular. In addition, two all-camp barbecues are held each summer. These are the Birthday Steak Fry and the ever-popular Indian Day Rib Barbecue.

Climax of the outdoor cooking comes with the Annual Chef's Cap contest. In this event, one representative from each cabin in camp competes with the other representatives for the camp individual cooking award. Each representative prepares, by himself, a well-balanced menu and is judged along the same lines as the cabin cook-outs are judged. The winning camper from each village is presented with a very attractive Chef's Cap and Apron.

Good Results of Program

Cook-outs based on this program proved very popular. Then too, in a short time great improvement was noted in many cabins. They took pride in their cabin cook-out sites and spent many hours making gadgets and furniture. Campers started asking questions concerning the next cook-out, making special plans for the occasion, and requesting certain menus to cook.

Results were noticeable also on canoe and Gypsy trips by the counselors in charge. Campers were eager to do the cooking and proved that they were developing skills in cooking, cleanliness, firebuilding, use of knife and axe, etc. They were especially careful in putting out all fires and cleaning up camp sites. Reports received by counselors from parents of campers indicate that on returning home, campers have shown more interest in family back-yard barbecues and family cook-outs. In fact they have even shown mother and dad a thing or two about outdoor cooking.

Below, typical cabin cook-out site; right, twist on stick and cake in reflector oven, cooking bacon and eggs on hobo stove





Camp Glen Eden

Camps Find Advantages in

Multiple Washing Fountains

MULTIPLE washing fountains, which have long been used by industrial plants because of the numerous advantages they offer, are now finding more and more use in camps from coast to coast. Reports from users indicate that both parents and campers, as well as the camp directors themselves, find installation of the fountains a worthwhile investment.

One camp owner has commented, "Judging from the favorable comments of many of our parents, the installation of washing fountains four years ago has added prestige to our camp. It has also made the washing of faces and hands a popular custom, as the campers just 'love' to wash, and really make a game of it.

"To us they are the best investment we have made in a long time for the benefit of our camp. They are easy to keep clean, and in four years of constant operation haven't cost us a penny in maintenance or upkeep."

Installation of the equipment seems to cut across all types of camps. Both boys and girls camps, and both agency and private camps

are among users of these fountains.

In addition to the advantages mentioned above, the manufacturers point out that the washfountains offer sanitary advantages. There are no faucets to handle, since on-off operation is by means of an automatic foot control. In addition, bowls are self-flushing.

Economy advantages cited include lower installation costs, since one fountain will serve up to 10 people, and requires only three connections—hot water, cold water, and drain. For this reason also, maintenance needs are less frequent. Similarly, one of the fountains, even though it serves many people, is said to use little more water than the ordinary, single-person wash basin. Too, in multiple-person fountains, hot and cold water are already mixed to a pre-determined temperature, thus preventing both burns and waste of heated water.

The fountains may be had in sizes designed to serve groups of varying size, and in juvenile or standard heights. Multiple showers are another similar product offered by the same manufacturers.

Puzzles Will Pique Their Interest!

MOST CAMP directors — agency and private alike — agree it is a good thing to send out regular camp "newspapers" or other literature to campers and prospective campers during the fall, winter and spring months. This contact helps maintain interest in camping, keep loyalty at a high level and affords opportunity to reiterate some of the lessons learned at camp.

It is axiomatic, of course, that if you want campers to read your bulletins, the bulletins themselves must contain material which will be of compelling interest to the youngsters who receive them. One tested way to obtain camper interest and at the same time overcome the dullness of all-type pages is through use of picture puzzles in your camp bulletins. These can have the triple advantages of being campy in content, interesting in appearance, and reminding campers of some of the things they learned about and liked at camp.

Several such puzzles are shown on the adjoining page; using these as idea starters, you can no doubt devise many more. If you like, start out with the puzzles shown: include one or more in your next camp bulletin. None is copyrighted, and all are available to camp directors without charge. They may be traced for mimeographing, cut out and pasted up for offset printing, or used for making plates for use in printed publications.

(Just in case you're tempted to solve the puzzles yourself, here are the correct answers: Top—1, white pine; 2, hickory; 3, birch; 4 bur oak; 5, sycamore; 6, sweet gum; 7, sassafras; 8, broad-leaved maple. Center, left—1,f; 2,j; 3,i; 4,a; 5,e; 6,g; 7,h; 8,d; 9,b; 10,c. Center, right—Sorry, you'll have to find your way out of this one without help. Bottom—1,e; 2,c; 3,a; 4,d; 5,b; 6,f.

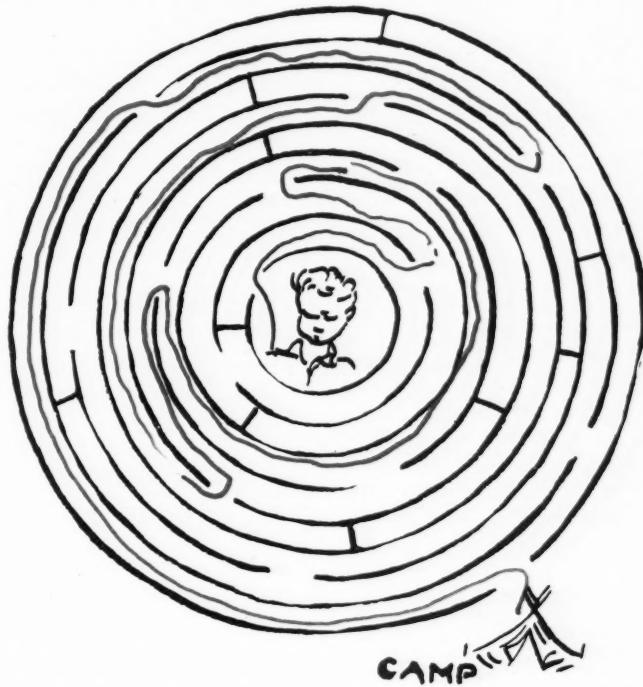


Each of the leaves shown is common in many sections of the country; how many can you identify?

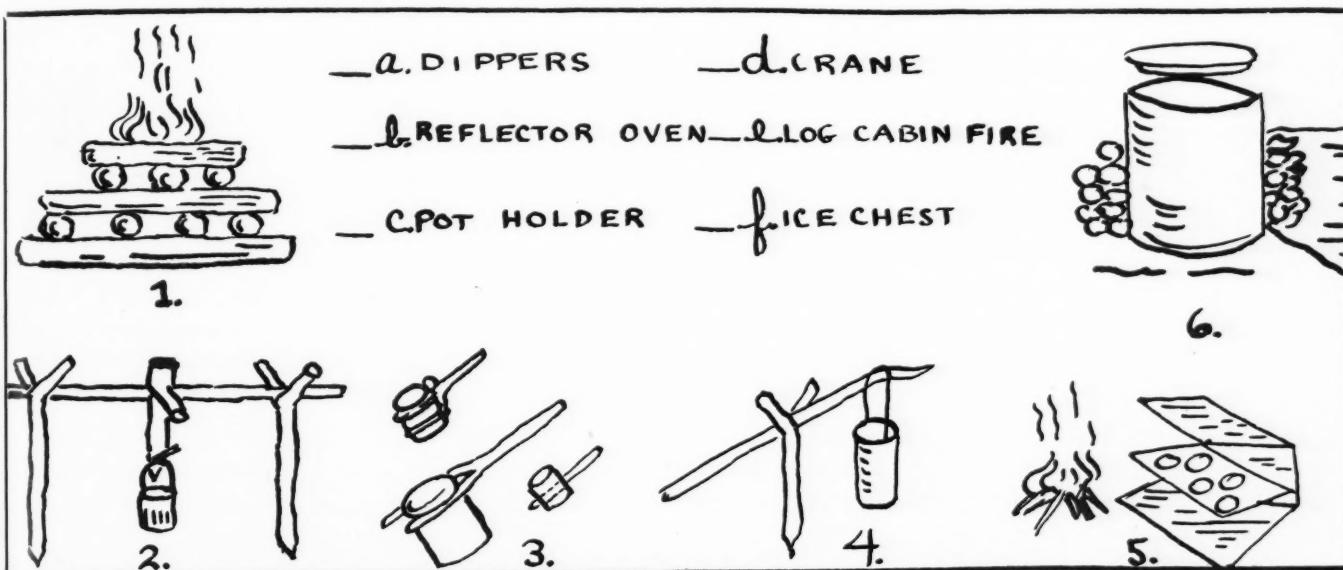
Each of the ten definitions below represents a different kind of tree. See if you can match the correct one from the suggestions opposite.

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| 1. A tree used by fortune tellers. | a. gum |
| 2. A sandy shore kind of tree. | b. pine |
| 3. A tree associated with a boy who became a general. | c. spruce |
| 4. A tree used for chewing. | d. bay |
| 5. A tree whose blossoms are worn by brides. | e. orange |
| 6. A tree we use to erase errors. | f. palm |
| 7. A tree left in the fireplace. | g. rubber |
| 8. A tree whose name is a body of water. | h. ash |
| 9. To waste away in grief. | i. cherry |
| 10. A tree that is well groomed. | j. beech |

Can you match the tree names listed at right with the definitions given at left?



Help the sad little camper find his way through the maze to a happy camp experience.



In this one, the trick is to match the common campcraft items pictured with the names listed.

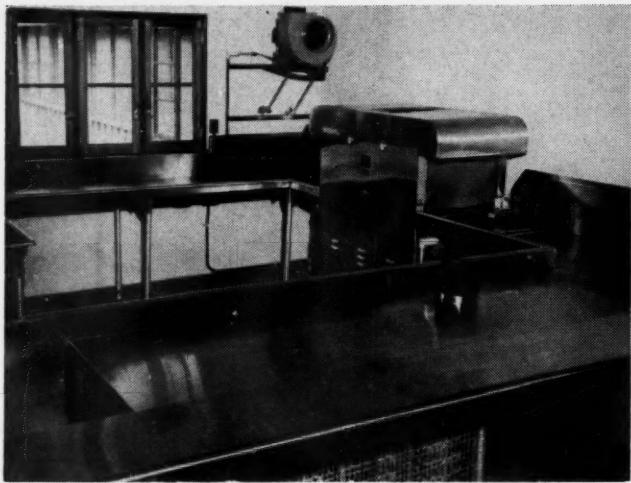


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If You Wash Your Dishes by Machine

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Environment

RECOMMENDATIONS regarding minimum requirements for machine dishwashing have recently been published by the National Research Council's subcommittee of the Committee on Sanitary Engineering and Environment. While these studies had particular relationship to dishwashing by the armed forces and other governmental agencies, the Committee has pointed out that general adoption of these standards by institutions, hotels, restaurants, and the like, would simplify the procuring of dishwashing machines and auxiliary equipment which can be operated with consistently good results.

What follows is a summary of the recommendations; check your own practice against them, and see how many ways there are in which your washing of dishes can be improved.

Scraping. Food remains shall be removed from dishes by suitable hand or mechanical device.

Pre-flushing. The pre-flushing of dishes with warm water, with or without detergent, is highly desirable. This may be done in a pre-flush section of the dishwashing machine or as a separate operation. The warm water containing detergent overflowing from the wash water

tank or overflow rinse water may be used for pre-flushing.

Racks and Racking. The dish racks shall be designed to minimize masking of the sprays. Construction with non-marking, corrosion-resistant welded wire is recommended. The number of each type of utensil per rack shall be limited to prevent overcrowding. Enough racks shall be provided for continuous operation under maximum load. Means shall be provided for returning empty racks without damage or contamination from the outlet to the inlet of the machine.

Washing. Wash water temperature shall be not less than 140°F. With good pre-flushing, higher temperatures (160°F. or more) are desirable.

Minimum washing time shall be 20 seconds, during which each rack shall be sprayed from above and below in about equal amounts with a total of at least 12 gal. wash water per 100 sq. in. tray area under at least 3 lb. flow pressure at the top manifold.

In single-tank machines, washing time shall be controlled automatically at not less than 40 seconds; in multiple-tank machines, at not less than 20 seconds.

Means shall be provided to maintain the concentration of detergent in the wash water automatically and

continuously at not less than 0.1 per cent by weight in excess of that needed to satisfy the hardness of the water. When the hardness of the water exceeds 5 grains, a hard water detergent should be used; when it exceeds 10 grains, softening to 5 grains or less is recommended.

In multiple-tank dishwashing machines, excessive spilling or carry-over of water shall be prevented by providing at least 15 in. space between the beginning of the wash tank and the center of the first spray arm opening; at least 20 in. between the center of the last wash spray arm opening and the first rinse spray arm opening; at least 5 in. between the center of the last rinse spray arm opening and the curtain rinse opening; and not less than 10 in. between the center of the last curtain rinse spray opening and the end of the rinse tank.

Rinse. A power or recirculated rinse (two-tank machine) is desirable wherever the quantity of utensils to be washed justifies the cost and the space.

Rinse water temperature shall be at least 180°F. at the inlet to the spray arm. Minimum rinsing time shall be 10 seconds, during which each rack shall be sprayed from above and below in about equal

amounts with a total of not less than 12 gal. rinse water per 100 sq. in. of area under not less than 3 lb. flow pressure at the nozzles. Where this rinse is used as the sanitizing rinse, provision shall be made to stop the machine automatically and to display a warning light whenever the temperature drops below 180°F.

In single-tank machines without recirculated rinse, the fresh water rinse shall be maintained at not less than 180°F. at the inlet to the spray arm and provided with automatic stop and warning light as above. Minimum rinsing time shall be 10 seconds, during which each rack shall be sprayed with not less than 3/8 gal. fresh water per 100 sq. in. of area under not less than 15 lb. flow pressure at the nozzles.

Construction. Tanks and hood shall be constructed of monel metal, stainless steel, or equally corrosion-resistant material in such a manner as to be easily cleaned.

Sharp angles, unnecessary ledges, and open seams shall be eliminated. To facilitate cleaning of the interior, as much of the piping as possible should be on the exterior of the machine. The supporting frame, motors, and pumps shall be of smooth construction with all parts accessible for cleaning. Side clean-out doors or removable panels not less than 16 in. wide shall be provided for convenience in cleaning.

Water Supply. To secure uniform water pressure, a pressure-reducing valve installed on the hot water line to the fresh water rinse is recommended, so set as to give 15 lb. flow pressure at the upper rinse arm openings while in operation. The water connections shall be made so as to prevent back-siphonage.

The hot water storage tank shall be of capacity and the heater of recovery capacity to supply the amount of water not less than 140°F. needed for maximum length of dishwashing periods and other operations. There should be a booster heater close to the point of application at the dishwashing machine for each fresh water rinse and of capacity to provide at least 2 1/4 gal. water per 100 sq. in. tray area per minute at 180°F. or higher at the inlet to the spray arm for a single-tank machine and 2 gal. or less per minute of 180°F. water for each curtain rinse on a multiple-tank machine.

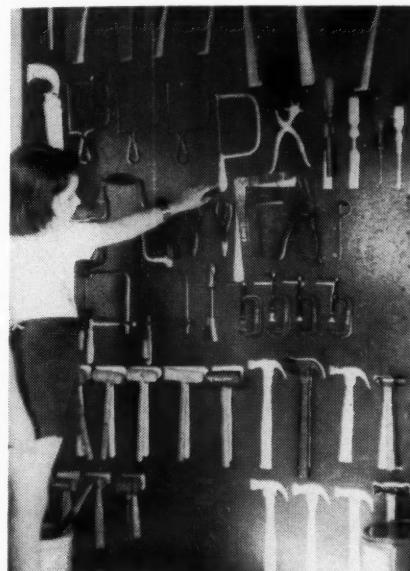


Try These Craft-y Ideas

Handling small docks is simplified at Mrs. Lucien Henderson's Camp Arcadia, as pictured above. The dock floor, made in sections, is supported on wooden horses, much like carpenter's horses, but with top cross-piece eliminated and cross-pieces added part way down each side. It is on these that the dock sections actually rest. Underwater portions are framed with boards to make cribs into which rocks are dumped.

Craft-shop tools get put back where they belong at Camp O-Tahn-Agon, of which Mrs. Ruth Becker is director. As shown, a large board with appropriately spaced nails is provided for hanging all tools; the secret of its success is that the shape of each tool is painted in white on the board. Results: any tool not in place stands out clearly, and any camper finishing with a tool can easily see where it belongs.

No one will question the desirability of a campground free of old envelopes, wrappings, etc. Here is how this was achieved at Camp Wyonegonic by Director Roland Cobb. Hemlock slabs were cleated together with 2x4s to make several hollow rectangles. These were placed about the campsite, and a removable burlap bag hung in each. Now, campers have ready places to dispose of trash, the containers themselves are quite campy in appearance, and trash disposal is as simple as removing one burlap bag and inserting another.



Music Hath Power—

If It's Good Music

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SINGING can mean so much to the individual camper's morale, idealism and appreciation that it ought always to be directed by one who knows music and loves it sincerely. A camp director can approach assemblies or sectional meetings of the day with considerably more confidence if he knows that the leaders of music have specifically planned the music and songs that will be used. He will know that the "stage" will be properly set for a feeling of serenity, adventure, or whatever other emotion is appropriate to the occasion.

Careful planning is expected in every other department of camp in order that certain ends may be achieved. Music need be no exception and yet it often is. Too many times the song leader dashes in from some other activity, stands utterly unprepared in mood or desire, and merely helps create confusion by asking "What shall we sing?"

Singing can express strength or weakness, order or confusion, beauty or ugliness, friendship or selfishness, quality or cheapness, joy or sorrow, discouragement or confidence. It will only express positive qualities when the camp director first, and then the music director have asked themselves this basic question, "What do we want to achieve?" That question needs to be asked in general about the camp season, and more specifically about each event at which singing is to be encouraged.

I have never heard a waterfront director encourage campers to continue their dog paddle, or to push each other from the pier just because they "like it." Nor have I heard a tennis coach praise those who spoil the game for the more adept by their crude lack of form. Yet how often have we seen a leader

of singing create bedlam or worse by encouraging yelling and disorder. How often have we seen group singing directed by someone who attempts to compensate for appreciation and skill by creating comedy, confusion or just plain noise.

Now of course there will be much undirected singing in any normal camp by cabin, boating or hiking groups. But this singing of spontaneity will be greatly influenced by the directed group singing, skillfully and carefully from day to day.

Materials needed

Sometimes a camp library has such few materials and resources that singing is limited to a few "old saws" or some sentimental trivialities. Every camp can afford one or more sets of good song books, published for the very needs we have. And of course the music director will have his own kit of many other resources from which he frequently brings forth a new treasure to the delight of all.

Every social agency, church and recreation group now has good materials available. If only one set of song books could be had, I would choose "Get Together Songs" (Lorenz.) "Singing America" (National Recreation Association) would be a good choice or one of the many editions published by Cooperative Recreation Service, Delaware, Ohio. (A new American Camping Association songbook for all camps will soon be available.)

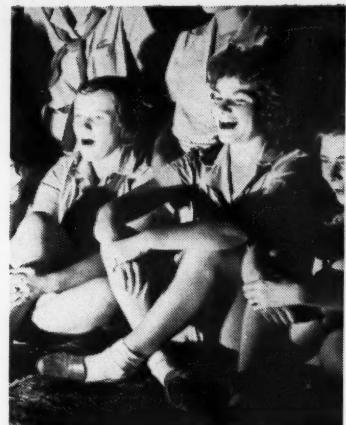
It is difficult if not impossible for a song leader to lead helpfully, if he thinks he should be a cross between a clown and a yell leader. Unless we focus attention on the strength, beauty, joy or relaxation of the music itself instead of on the leader or

the singers, possibilities are lost. To be a good song leader requires a basic appreciation of all that is good and beautiful, and a comprehension of the kinds of emotions children have a right to develop.

One of the appreciations we need to develop is fidelity. Every good hymn, song, ballad or folk song has an origin and a beauty worth preserving, and it is poor taste to distort them. There are and should be fun songs a plenty in every good camp. But it is unwise to take a negro spiritual, hymn or folk song and make American slapstick of it. We do well to make sure that a version of a song introduced is authentic. Good hymns for camp use can be judged by some simple standards which would be used in judging poetry and music. If the words are good in themselves, if the sentiment is noble and dignified, if the lyrics are objective not subjective, and if the music has strength and power, it is probably a good hymn. If it lacks these characteristics then it is poor no matter in what book it may be published. A good hymn needs to express the greatest aspiration with the best of music.

If good hymns such as "God, Who Touchest Earth with Beauty," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Praise to The Lord," "For The Beauty of The Earth," and "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past" are used from day to day, children will come to have a higher concept of worship.

We expect camp leaders to lead children into new and purposeful adventure. Music should be no exception and a good song leader will be as eager to lead children into the unexplored joys of learning new songs as is the arts and craft director to help children learn new mediums of expression.



Paul Parker Photo

"But they don't know these new songs," is the lame excuse. So what! If they are only to sing what they already know no leadership is needed. Each camper may well go home from camping period having learned to love and sing a new sea chantey, cowboy song, stately hymn, folk song, and negro spiritual; and yes, to sing the old ones with more care and appreciation.

Creative opportunities

What about creativity? There is opportunity for creation of good music in any camp, when we begin commanding beautiful singing, part singing, and sweet singing, instead of noise and volume.

I have no quarrel with noise. There will be and should be yelling at camp, pure unadorned hair-raising yelling, but it need not and ought not be a part of the music program. Campers will create lovely expression if good music is encouraged. Some campers can create new songs upon occasion and the good ones will be purely original rather than parodies.

For several years our camp was fortunate in having camp music leadership that helped set the emotional pattern of the day. In the morning as we entered the dining room we could expect the pianist to be playing some of the great hymns of aspiration which we might sing later at the chapel period. At noon time there would be hilarious songs of the sea, of the West and many more for good fellowship. And when evening came we were apt to have songs of reverie, of romance and of simple beauty and benediction. With that general theme, with exceptions of course, many tensions were released, confidence restored and great emotions encouraged.

As we plan for the next camping season we can remember that all great movements that have stirred men's souls have used singing as a medium. We have great ideals of glorious living, of world fellowship, of religious idealism, of brotherhood, of graciousness of spirit. Let's use music, the great emotion builder, to help strengthen those ideals in the sub-conscious minds of our campers.

While we are making detailed plans for menus to provide food for the body, let us make some plans too for music to nurture the very souls and spirits of youth.

Snake Island



Dramatizes Nature Program

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THREE WERE many at our State YMCA Camp Becket, Becket, Mass., who watched, with misgivings, the beginnings of "Snake Island" during the summer of 1948. The construction of this wildlife display device had been undertaken as a work-project by two cabins of the senior village. As the boys and the nature counselor proceeded to (apparently) mar one of the more beautiful portions of the waterfront area with a large, ugly, circular trench which delimited a 9 x 12 foot "island" from the surrounding ground surface, those who cherished Camp Becket's natural beauty winced. Even on the last day of the season appearance of the structure offered little reassurance to the skeptical. A cement and stone floor with a broad inner and outer wall for a moat had been constructed, but this was all very rough and unattractive.

The following spring, smooth, finish-coats of cement were added to the inner surfaces of the moat and the island itself was landscaped and decorated. A rustic, stone-bordered path soon surrounded the structure and local species of water plants graced the border of the island. "A thing of beauty! A fine addition to

an already attractive campus," it was unanimously agreed.

On the morning of the opening day of camp in 1949 the moat was filled with water and a moderate assortment of amphibian and reptilian tenants were introduced to their new summer home.

From this day until the end of the season, and in succeeding seasons, "snake island" has been general headquarters for spare-time spenders, both staff members and campers alike. Enthusiastic campers added specimens to the island's population until it numbered over a hundred reptiles, turtles, frogs, etc. Scores of campers could be seen crowding around the wall on occasions to witness such dramatic spectacles as a medium sized snake devouring an "impossibly" large frog; or a snake shedding its skin. One could observe in the more normal life on the island a great deal about the habits of its interesting tenants. As a visiting dad put it, "There is more of real life per square inch on that island than any place I know of."

That is precisely the way the boys seem to look at it too. Snake Island has done more than any other single thing to create interest in our nature program.

Ideas for Your Camp

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DURING MY recent visits to many camps, there were any number of ideas more or less along the line of "what's new," which I think you will find interesting. Obviously, not every idea described in this article will be either new to or applicable to every camp. They are presented, however, in order that you may read them and appraise their possible value to your own situation. My article in the November issue dealt primarily with the general trends in camping noted; this one will be devoted to specific ideas of a variety of types.

Balls of cotton, about fist size, are doing an effective job keeping flies and other insects off and away from screen doors. They need not be dipped in repellent.

Cookouts of at least a couple of meals each week are being accepted as an essential part of a balanced program. Besides, it gives the kitchen help some time off.

Outdoor activities of many sorts should form the backbone of any balanced camp program. Outdoor dramatics, as seen this summer, have proved tremendously popular.

Kayak building and using provides three excellent program features. The constructing of these light boats offers a highly desirable arts and crafts activity; their paddling and sailing provides an attractive adjunct to the aquatics program; their versatility makes them a handy vehicle for trip transportation.

Fire drills are seldom practiced in camps, but it's good to note that many camps have "standard operating procedures" in case of fire. These S.O.P.'s usually include a broad plan of evacuation, counselor fire stations, instructions for giving alarm, place of storing and methods of using fire-fighting equipment.

Horseback riding in many private camps has been discontinued. In the past, most private camps but only a few agency camps offered this activity. Although it's hardly a trend, several agency camps have recently added riding to their programs.

Riflery for girls is growing in popularity. While formerly thought of as a boy's activity (like archery, riding, and carpentry years ago,) a large number of girls' camps are presently featuring riflery.

Skylights in big buildings (such as the dining hall, recreation lodge, etc.) certainly cut down on the electric bill. In addition, buildings are being equipped with fluorescent (rather than incandescent) lighting.

Small-size furniture, equipment and facilities are being obtained by numerous camps. It is high time we recognized that six and seven year-olds have serious problems measuring up to their 12 and 14-year-old colleagues when adult fixtures and supplies are used in camp.

A three-area pool is hardly standard equipment for camps; yet the concept of functional compartmentalization is worthy of note. The pool referred to, divides its diving, swimming, and "dunking" areas, and is the answer to a life-guard's dream. Some such division is achieved in many camps through use of cribs, guy ropes and floats.



Smaller cabins are coming into vogue. Camps presently building, or expanding, are tending toward construction of cabins designed to house approximately six people (five campers and one counselor.) In most cases, private camps are putting sinks, toilets and even showers in cabins, while agency camps prefer the unit wash-house.

Counselor's lodges or "retreats" are becoming more numerous and ornate. Almost every camp has a tent, cabin or building reserved for the exclusive use of staff in leisure hours. A close check indicates that camps giving less time off, develop better facilities for counselors, and vice versa.

Three longer periods are replacing the four short periods in some agency camps. Until recently, the standard season of most agency camps was divided into four periods of approximately two weeks each. Some of the changes being invoked emphasize three 20-day periods, plus pre-and-post-camp weekends.

Six-years paying provides one year free. Such was the interesting financial arrangement in one private camp visited. Rumor has it that summer camp tuitions now vary from "nothing" to \$1,000 per summer. (If you know of camps charging more, please advise.)

Ramps are being used in place of stairs at several camps. In terms of maintenance, this may prove a desirable departure. For the very young, the aged and the handicapped, ramps offer a logical answer to the problem of stairs.

More and different animals are exhibited in camp. The household pets (dogs and cats) are being replaced by rabbits, ducks, chickens, hamsters, and the usual snakes, turtles, frogs, and fish. Children, especially those from the city, learn much from animals.

Certain forms of adult entertainment have been introduced into camps. Some of this city-type recreation has merit, but much is of questionable character.

A daily check of all camper's temperatures was instituted by one camp. Although it has many commendable points, such a practice is heavily time consuming. In addition, for perfect sterilization, or if taken simultaneously, one thermometer would be needed for each camper.

Porch-sleeping, with a dressing

room inside, is planned in the rebuilding of certain camps. Obviously, this implies a large cabin or cottage. Its good point is that it "sleeps" campers closer to the outdoors.

Parent-counselor evaluation of campers is one of the newer educational devices being introduced. While formerly done on a subjective and informal basis, regular printed forms permitting considerable objectivity are now in use. With parents more conscious of the scientific approach in education, such evaluation seems like a promising task.

Chloradane mixed with D.D.T. seems to have thwarted the flies once again. Last summer these insects thrived on ordinary D.D.T. and presented a serious problem. This year, the new solution, plus care in fly-

control along other lines, kept flies to a minimum. Strips of white cotton cloth, dipped in the solution and hung from rafters, did much to free dining halls of pests.

Artificial lakes and swimming pools abound in the camps of eastern Pennsylvania, as in certain other parts of the country. Some camps even have both. From the standpoint of supervision, teaching, and water control these man-made facilities are excellent. For purposes of extensive aquatic programs, such as sail-boat racing, their value is limited.

Individual cabins can sponsor their own "nature center" or "snake pit." Competition need not be limited to athletics and aquatics, but may take beneficial shape in such pursuits as collecting wild things and preserving

them in their natural environment.

A church altar occupying an alcove two or three feet deep in a craft shop, covered (when not in use) by folding doors, demonstrated effective multiple use of facilities. On rainy days when use of the outdoor chapel is curtailed, this "pullman altar" proves its value by converting the craft shop into a small church.

"Observational quarantine" was the term used by a group of camps to restrict visitors during the threat of polio in a particular region. This self-imposed restriction successfully accomplished its dual purpose of (1) limiting non-essential visitation, thus diverting possible "carriers" and (2) established a uniform procedure of joint action, thus removing the onus from individual camps.

How We Solved That Burning Question

THE QUESTION of trash burning had been a problem for us for some time. At YMCA Camp Manitowish, in Wisconsin, we have about 175 youngsters in camp, plus a staff of some 50. Naturally, we collected quite a bit of trash each day. It came from the kitchen, dining room, infirmary and library, as well as individual cabins and others of our camp buildings. We had been in the habit of having assigned campers dump the trash in a naturally swampy area located near our campus. Each evening, one of the maintenance men would fire it.

But somehow the plan didn't work out too well. Campers wouldn't always throw all trash in the same pile. Sometimes the day's accumulation didn't get completely burned. Gradually, some campers began saving themselves one step at a time by dumping near to but not in the swampy area.

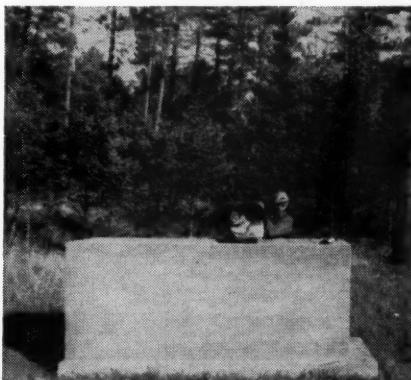
We solved the problem by building, using our own maintenance staff in spare time, a concrete trash burner.

First step was to build a foundation. We made a frame, of two-inch boards set on edge, approximately six by nine feet in size. Into this we poured concrete; old bed springs, and rocks picked up on the property were used to reinforce the concrete. (Our soil structure is such that we don't have to go down below the frost line with our foundations.)

After the foundation concrete had hardened, we built temporary frames for pouring concrete for the sides of our trash burner. As you can see in

the concrete walls, after the frames were removed, are about eight inches thick. The three boards forming an inverted "U" at the front of the burner prevented concrete from filling this space when the walls were poured, and the resulting hole gave us sufficient draft to assure burning at all times. Prior to pouring concrete into the forms, all wood surfaces which will come into contact with concrete are greased to prevent sticking and facilitate removing the temporary forms after the concrete is hardened.

After all concrete was poured and



the photograph above, these are made of second-hand one-inch boards. The frames consist essentially of a hollow, inside square, and another hollow outside square. The outer square was made sufficiently larger so that

hardened, the temporary forms were knocked off, and the complete burner (above) revealed. We have found that this burner has gone a long way to helping us clean up our trash-burning problem. It is easy to empty waste into, and all waste is confined to a small area. Because the burner is not unsightly, it was possible to place it in a location much more convenient than the old swamp.

Successful Day Camp Operation

IUR DAY CAMP idea began to formulate in Muskegon, Michigan, three years ago this spring. It was obvious that finding a site would not be difficult, for there is an abundance of lakes, woods, and hills in our area. The main drawback was the lack of finances for such a venture. A unique sponsorship developed after discussing the project with several folks. Some good promoters became interested and finally approached the right group—the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. labor unions combined forces to take on the day camp project.

Now we had what we wanted—only more of it—for we had been thinking in terms of fifty boys and girls, and this program was being proposed to take care of 100 to 150 every week! We had thought in terms of \$2,000 for the program, and \$10,000 was raised for it. All that remained to be done was to plan the program, employ and train the staff, make arrangements for transportation, insurance, food, get the camp site and a few other details. All of which made us wonder if we hadn't taken a pretty big bite of something.

Site comes first

We began to work out details. Let's begin with the site, for much of the program depends on the kind of site available. It is interesting to note that many recreation departments have been able to conduct a good day camp in a remote section of a city park or on a private estate. Others have chosen a site on the outskirts of the city in a county or state park or in a country school yard. Some travel 40 miles or more to the camp. We have been extremely fortunate in our site, since the Muskegon State Park, which has ideal facilities for every kind of camping and outdoor life, is only eight miles from downtown Muskegon. Located on the area are four Adirondack-type shelter buildings, fire squares, water pumps, and adequate toilet facilities. A barracks building has been brought in and installed for headquarters, first-aid station, and food

storage. A half-mile hike brings campers to the Lake Michigan beach for swimming and beach play.

The second item of concern to us was the matter of transportation. As we read about various day camp programs, we noticed that all means of transportation are used. We have been fortunate in having the use of school buses. The children are picked up at 9:15 a.m. and returned to the same spot at 4:45 p.m. The total cost of the use of three buses for eight weeks is about \$300, plus insurance.

From 30 to 50 children and at least two adult leaders ride in each bus. The buses are driven by the men leaders and left at camp for the day. This method of transportation appears to me to be the most desirable, not only from the safety standpoint, but from the sheer fun of riding together, singing and playing games to and from the camp.

Costs and fees

Important items in any camping program are the costs of various items and the fees to be charged. Based on our experience we have a very good picture of probable cost for a situation similar to ours. I

should mention first that our camp operates eight weeks, five days a week. Children sign up for one-week periods. During the 1947 season, 710 campers were accommodated; 1,694 registered for the 1950 season. The following are costs per child per day:

Cost of leadership	\$.81
Cost of food	.30
Cost of maintenance & operation	.17

Total cost per child per day \$1.28

The question of fees to be charged depends upon the local situation. It has been my feeling that all campers should pay at least a small registration fee.

Food and feeding

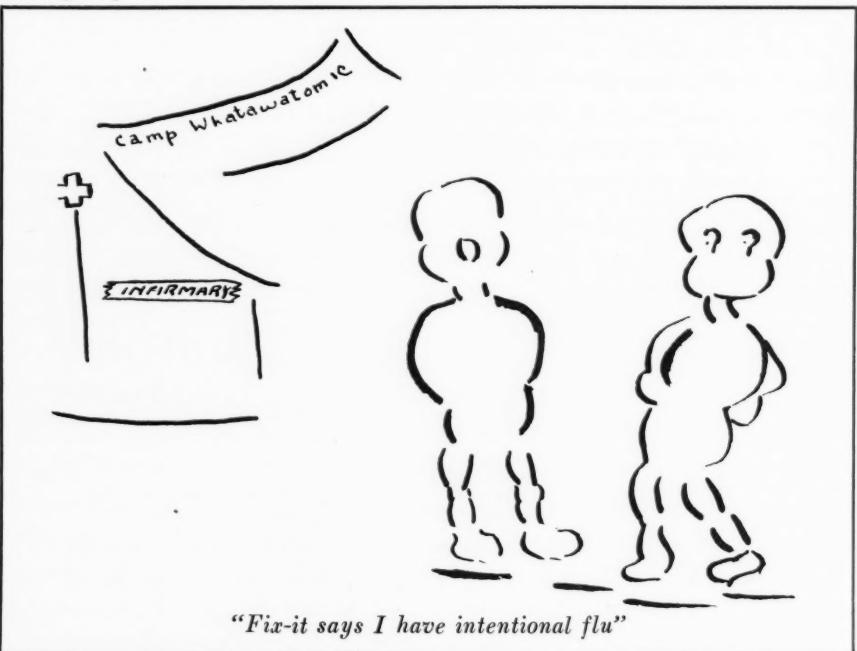
Food for the noon meal is taken out in the morning. The rural milk and bakery trucks leave fresh milk and bread each day. Every child is given a pint of milk, meat to be cooked over the fire at noon, fresh vegetables, potato chips, cookies, oranges, and the like. There is plenty to eat for all, and the biggest thrill of the camp comes in the cooking experience.

Good leadership vital

The need for capable and adequate

Camping Comedy

ESTHER N. YOUNG



leadership is of primary importance. This is especially true in a camping situation, where only the best leaders should be in charge of the away-from-home youngsters. Some authorities recommend one leader for every six campers. It varies from this figure to one leader for every 25 or 30 campers. In our case, we try to have one adult and one junior leader for every 25 campers, which makes a ratio of one leader to 12½ children. We have felt, for our situation, that we have adequate leadership.

Program planning

Programs should be built basically on nature and outdoor living themes. It is generally agreed that day camps should provide experiences in outdoor living which cannot be done so well on the playground or backyard. Consequently, we have tried to make the program as informal as possible, but at the same time present opportunities for the youngsters to learn how to cook and make fires, to use an axe, to take care of themselves in the woods, to prepare a camp site, to dispose of refuse, to enjoy nature crafts and games, hiking, informal games, swimming, and just playing on the beach.

We divide our camp into units of 25 or less campers. Divisions include boys 8 through 10 years of age, girls 8 through 10, and boys 11 through 13. These units are spread out over the camp site so that no two units can see or reach each other.

These groups plan their own activities, but all units come together for the opening ceremony, for swim periods, and before leaving for home. This gives the small units plenty of chances to function as they like.

Most recreation departments that have conducted day camps are enthusiastic about the results. It should stimulate others to start such a program. To those considering it, I would say: look around for a good site, look for some organization that is willing to put a little time and money into a good thing; start planning, get it rolling, and you will be in for one of those thrills that come in seeing a new activity really go. The shouts and laughter of youngsters on the trail will be the reward for the extra time and trouble.

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Pointed Paragraphs on Your Camp Kitchen

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AHAPPY kitchen is an economical kitchen. From the people washing dishes to the person planning the meals, there must be an interest beyond monetary compensation. In your camp, do these people really feel a part of your organization?

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Many camps have profited from the simple courtesy of inviting kitchen personnel to the regular staff meetings. Most of us take considerable time and care in the selection of cooks. A busy season divides our attention to the point that we may sacrifice a necessary personal contact with these people who play so important a role in the total operation.

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Camps fortunate in being able to employ the same cooks year after year, experience an economy which is great if judged only in the light of time consumed by the director in continual indoctrination. A many-season tenure is not accidental. If only from the selfish standpoint, it is in the director's interest to make working conditions as pleasant as possible.

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The task of washing the evening dishes is done faster—and perhaps with less breakage—if the young men or women doing the job, are looking forward to a good competitive volleyball game with the counselors. It is only common sense, and no doubt true in any job, that "esprit de corps" makes work lighter.

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Poor housekeeping in the "cookie cabin" is a problem most of us face. These kitchen helpers have as much time as the other campers to keep their quarters clean, but the incentive is lacking. If you have contests for clean cabins, or give public praise for such, why not include your whole camp?

I know of a cook with a fine voice. On occasions, the director would persuade her to contribute to the music following the meal. Certainly her work became lighter with the applause of appreciation from hundreds of youngsters. So many times it is the little things that make a difference.

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Most of us have our individual conferences with staff people prior to the opening of the season. Thus, often the suggestions and recommendations from the previous season are lost in the busy winter months. Wouldn't it be of value to talk over problems immediately upon the conclusion of the season? More intelligent food purchasing in the following spring would, I believe, result from recording the fresh ideas of the people who handle and prepare the food.

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During the winter, camper reunions are held for the primary purpose of recruiting. The counselor staff is automatically invited to these sessions. It might be wise to give thought to inviting your people who work in the kitchen.

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Many of us are guilty of following the same pattern year after year insofar as our kitchen records are concerned. We fail to appreciate that some of our buying policies are outmoded. For example the question of packaged meat against self-butchered was discussed at the last ACA convention. It was interesting to note that many directors came to the conclusion that their purchases of sides of meat had questionable economy.

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Low-cost hot-water and steam service for users who cannot justify the large capital investment required for industrial boiler installation, are described in literature available from Malsbary Mfg. Co. Included is information on capacity, operating features, types available, etc., as well as pictures of typical units. (126)

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Pencils and ball-point pens for camp publicity purposes are described, pictured and listed in a leaflet offered by the manufacturers, Joseph Lipic Pen Co. Available in a variety of types, each including the camp's name and address, and at prices ranging from six to sixty cents each, numerous directors will probably find them worthwhile publicity and souvenir items. (129)



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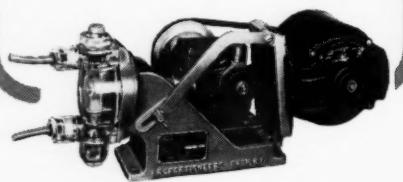
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WHEN YOU ARE IN THE WOODS, by Fay Welch. Published by New York State College of Forestry, Department of Public Education and Information, Syracuse 10, N. Y., 1950. 48 pages and foreword. Single copies free, small charge if ordered in quantity. Reviewed by Julian H. Salomon, Camp Consultant, Girl Scouts of the U. S.

"When You Are in the Woods" is a compact little manual of campcraft and wood-lore which is packed with basic information on the out of doors that every camper and camp director should have. Its quality can be gauged by its authorship. Written by Fay Welch, camp director, woodsman and lecturer on Forest Recreation at the New York State College of Forestry, it is a summing up of the practical wood-lore and campcraft knowledge that he has gathered over the years.

The pages of this attractive booklet briefly cover all outdoors. Here one is told how to plan a trip, how to behave in the woods, pick a camp site, build fires, use woods, tools, and keep from getting lost. There are also chapters on safety, weather wisdom, hunting, hiking and mountaineering, and winter sports.

CITIZENSHIP. Boy Scouts Merit Badge Series, published by Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York City, 1949. 82 pages (order direct from publisher.) Reviewed by Charles H. Hapgood, Assistant Professor of History and Government, Springfield (Mass.) College.

This new addition to the Boy Scouts Merit Badge series is in many respects an outstanding achievement. It is an admirable introduction to civics, better perhaps than most courses found in the public schools today. Many of the badge require-

ments, such as attending a public meeting, keeping a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, taking part in a civic enterprise, visiting government agencies to watch their activities, would be valuable activities for high-school or college students of government. The basic principle of learning through doing, which is fundamental to Scout work, has here been applied successfully to the all-important field of civics.

If there is any point where the booklet is in need of strengthening (and, of course, no work of human hands is perfect,) it may lie in the section dealing with the American Economic System. This section draws a picture of our economic system as an idyllic state.

Many people will question the truth of this picture, or the advisability of teaching our youth that our institutions are not in need of change. What we are after is loyalty to the fundamentals of democracy combined with an attitude of openmindedness toward necessary change. There is no point in shutting the eyes of our youth toward existing social injustice. Rather, we should aim to develop youth who will insist upon making the changes needed to insure that the democratic system itself will survive.

DANCES AND STORIES OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, reviewed in our November issue, is published by A. S. Barnes & Co., New York City.

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1951 Regional Conferences Scheduled To Cover All Sections of ACA

ACA's seven regional conventions to be held early in 1951 are rapidly shaping up, according to late reports. First of the meetings scheduled is that to be held in Detroit's Hotel Statler, Jan. 30-Feb. 3. The Michigan Section will act as hosts, and members of all Sections in ACA Region V are especially invited to attend and take part. These Sections are: Central Illinois, Chicago, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, St. Louis and Wisconsin.

Michigan has set up convention offices at 51 W. Warren Ave., Detroit, and named Robert C. Rusby as chairman of the convention committee. Mr. Rusby is director of camping for the Detroit Council of the Boy Scouts. Assisting him will be committee members Kenneth Smith, Stanley J. Michaels, Lelia M. Libby, and Joseph Gembis; as well as al-

most innumerable members of the various Sections involved.

The conference of Region VI—which includes ACA Oklahoma, Southeast Texas, and Southwest Sections—is scheduled for February 1-3. It will be held on the campus of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, with L. Messersmith as conference chairman. Southwest is host.

Region II—the New England States—will hold its convention Feb. 8-10, at the Statler in Boston. Orville H. (Larry) Emmons, Director of YMCA's Camp Becket, has been named chairman of the affair.

Washington D. C. will be the scene of Region III's conference on Feb. 22-25. With Capitol Section as host, and Wayne Sommer as conference chairman, the affair will be held at Wardman Park Hotel. Included in this region are the following Sections: Allegheny, Capitol, Central Ohio, Lake Erie, Maryland, and Ohio Valley.

Memphis, Tenn.—the King Cotton Hotel—will be the meeting place

of Region IV ACA conventioners. Under sponsorship of the Tri-State Section, and with Rev. James Bagby as chairman, the meetings will be held March 7-10. Sections in this Region are: Louisiana, Southeastern, Tennessee Valley, and Tri-State.

Northern California Section will be hosts for the Region VII conference, to be held March 29-April 1, at Asilomar, Calif. John McKinley has been named conference chairman, and the latchstring is out for members of all Region VII Sections: Arizona, California Central Valley, Hawaii, Inland Empire, Northern California, Oregon, San Diego, San Joaquin, Southern California, Washatch, and Washington.

New York City will be the meeting place for Region II ACA's, when New York Section acts as hosts on April 4-7. Sections in this region are Central New York, Central Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Northeastern New York, and Pennsylvania.

Excellent programs of practical and helpful material are being developed by each of the convention planning groups, and it is the best interests of every member of ACA to attend and take part in the convention located in his region.

Stultz Name National Head of Public Relations

Richard C. Stultz, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been named to the chairmanship of the ACA National Public Relations Committee. This was announced recently by President Reynold E. Carlson, following the resignation of Mrs. Reo Purcell, who had been chairman for nearly two years.

Mr. Stultz is a member of the Central New York Section of the Association, and a faculty member of Syracuse University, in the division of teacher training in Physical Education. He has been active in ACA affairs for some time, having taken part in both the Bear Mountain Public Relations Workshop in 1949 and also the recent 1950 Workshop on ACA Reorganization.

Experienced in both agency and private camping, Mr. Stultz will soon begin operation of his own private camp located in California.

BY RICHARD C. STULTZ
*ACA National
Public Relations Chairman*

During the four day period between October 11 to 15 some seventy-odd members of ACA, representing numerous sections and areas of the country, met at Bynden Wood (the Reading, Pa., YMCA camping and recreation area near Wernersville, Pa.) for the purpose of trying to evaluate ACA and look into the possible need for reorganization.

It should be clearly understood by all members of ACA that this Workshop on Reorganization did not reorganize ACA. ACA is still intact, and functioning as it has been for

many years. What the people who attended this workshop did was to put the structure and function of ACA under the microscope to see if any changes could be suggested which might make the Association stronger and more effective in giving service to camping in this country.

To deal with this important problem the workshop participants were divided into three large "Area Groups" each of which was assigned one of the following general areas of concern: Administration, Program, and Finance. In turn, each of these groups was broken up into committees of from three to six people and assigned a more specific topic within their general area. (For example: In

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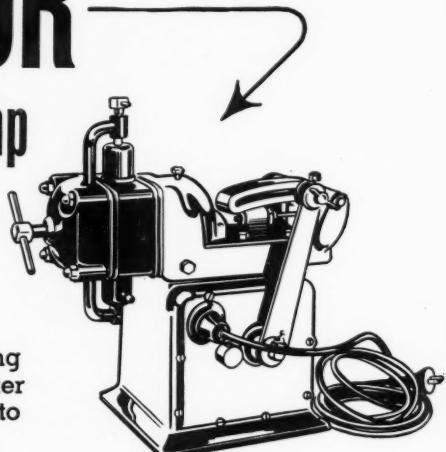
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"5000" Membership Campaign Set By National Membership Committee

By WALTER V. RUTHERFORD
ACA National Membership Chairman

Editor's Note:

This is the second of a series of articles prepared by the chairmen of ACA's seven National Standing Committees. Purpose of the articles is to enable all ACA members to become familiar with the activities and plans of the various committees, since it is not physically possible for any member to sit in on all the committee meetings and become familiar with them at first hand.

The Publications Committee report appeared in the November issue, and the Membership Committee story follows. Scheduled for publication in future issues are articles by the chairmen of the Finance, Leadership, Program, Public Relations, and Research Committees.

Membership growth of ACA is the responsibility of a committee which operates under that name, but it is also the responsibility of others in many ways. To be sure, all Section Membership Committee chairmen are members of the National Membership Committee but these chairmen and/or the National Committee cannot assume or do the job alone. This responsibility for obtaining more members is to be *shared by all persons interested in camping!*

Those who are already members of ACA should need no special instructions or equipment to be able to "sell" memberships. The value of ACA membership has frequently been and continues to be demonstrated. The job that needs to be done more effectively is to let those who are *not* members know what they are missing. An effort in this direction has recently been put forth in the form of ACA's "5000" Campaign. Section Membership Committees have enlarged themselves to be representative of all camping inter-

ests in their Section. These committees are now endeavoring to find enough people, see enough people, and sign enough people as members, to reach a goal of 5000 members by January 15, 1951.

All members of ACA must become more "membership conscious." Many members are serving and more should serve on Section Membership Committees. Nor does one need to be identified as a member of the Committee to do a job. Everyone can help. Persons interested in and related to camping who are not now members must be invited to join ACA. Estimates indicate that there are 10,000 or more camps in the United States, and it thus becomes evident that much remains to be done.

No small, select group such as a Membership Committee can compile a complete list of all camps in the country, call on all of the prospects, and "sell" ACA. The National Membership Committee and all the Section Membership Committees are

willing and will do a job, but—let's all do it together and help ourselves at the same time, with a bigger and even more effective ACA.

It is of course equally important that while soliciting new members, all who are now members renew their memberships promptly when due. Unfortunately, some members unintentionally neglect to renew their memberships until they are somewhat past due. The cooperation of all ACA members is important in renewing memberships, not only as a matter of record but also to insure proper uninterrupted service to the member. If the member does not renew on time, he is likely to suffer interruption of ACA services, such as CAMPING MAGAZINE. Also, it costs our organization time and money through extra mailing of notices and the clerical time involved in clearing and reinstating records.

The National Membership Committee also has additional responsibilities. It promotes and assists in the organization of new Sections. It promotes the publication of camp directories on state or Section basis in conjunction with other Section Committees. It interprets and defines types of membership. It endeavors to coordinate a standard procedure for processing membership applications and renewals. The present Committee is endeavoring to do all these things as well as give leadership to an all out effort in the "5000" Campaign.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an application form for use by any and all ACA members in doing their part in soliciting other persons to join. To use this membership form for regular, rather than gift memberships, simply cross out the word "Gift" where it appears in the heading, and write "Regular" instead.

Be a "5000" Campaigner!

Workshop...

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the Program Area there was a small committee on Studies and Research.)

The small committees intensively examined past and present practices in ACA, tried to discover whether these had proved desirable and sufficient in meeting the needs of the ACA membership and camping in general, and drafted specific suggestions which might improve the situa-

tion. The work of these committees was periodically reported to the Area Groups and discussed in relationship to the total picture. Thus a reasonable degree of continuity and integration was achieved. Several times during the four day period the whole workshop was brought together under the able leadership of Mr. Wes Klusmann and his Steering Committee. At such times the Area Group chairmen reported on progress being made.

After each report there was open discussion which resulted in much general enlightenment and reorientation to the total problem, "clearing the deck" for further action, and, sometimes, proposals were kicked back to the Area Groups or the committees for reconsideration.

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quite specific suggestions for reorganizing ACA. These plans and proposals have been submitted to Mr. Wes Klusman and his Committee on Reorganization to be used by them as guides in their important work of drawing up a final plan for reorganization of ACA. Mr. Klusman's committee will, at some future date, present their plan to ACA, through its Board of Directors, for action.

This reporter, having been present at Bynden Wood and participated in the Workshop, feels that it was a very worthwhile venture and that it constituted a significant step forward in the evolution of ACA. Those who conceived, promoted, and gave guidance to the project are to be highly commended. A "Well Done" is in order.

It seems that the Workshops sponsored by the ACA are truly just that—and the word should be written WORKshops. Those Sections which have financed the attendance of representatives to ACA workshops can be assured that those representatives earned their "keep." Wes Klusmann proved himself to be a "mule driver" who could make "mules" really pull together and love it. And once again there was proof that, second to no other professional group in the world, camping people can mix fun with work without getting mixed up in the process.

It should be mentioned in this report that the Marshall Field Co. of Chicago demonstrated its interest in camping by sending Mrs. Gladys Tollefson as a representative to the Workshop and also made a cash contribution toward its support. It was decided to use this contribution to help defray the expenses of publishing the proceedings report of the Workshop.

Section Activities Reported

Nearly all ACA Sections, by the time this issue is distributed, will have held at least the first of their fall and winter meetings. Not all of the meetings, however, were held sufficiently early to be included in this report. Those on which information is available are reported below; additional reports will appear in subsequent issues, as

material becomes available. All Sections are urged to place CAMPING MAGAZINE on their mailing list, and see that advance announcements and reports of all Section functions are sent in regularly.

Eastern activities

NEW YORK SECTION held its first fall meeting on October 17, with Gerald P. Burns, ACA Executive Director, as featured speaker. Mr. Burns topic was "Camping—1950 Retrospect." Part of his talk was published in the November issue of CAMPING MAGAZINE under the title "Trends in Camping." The balance appears elsewhere in this issue, titled "Ideas for Your Camp." NEW YORK's second meeting was scheduled for November 21, but program details were not available at press time; another meeting of the Section will be held on December 19.

ALLEGHENY has noted with sorrow the death of its treasurer, Charles F. Faust. In addition to his Section office, Mr. Faust was director of Camp Kon-O-Kwee, operated by the Pittsburgh YMCA. He was well-known in both ACA and YMCA circles.

PENNSYLVANIA held its opening meeting of the season on October 31, with the topic being "What Problems Does Camping Face for 1951." No detailed report of the meeting is yet available, but the topic is certainly most pertinent in these times, and one on which much information could be used by all camp executives. The meeting also included a report by the Section's representative at the Bynden Wood ACA Workshop held in October.

NEW ENGLAND held its annual fall conference on November 18; deadline problems prevent a comprehensive report on the meeting in this issue, but it has been scheduled for the January number. NEW ENGLAND

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Midwest meetings

CHICAGO had for the topic of its November 11 meeting "Creative Programming," presented as a socio-drama by Malcolm Knowles. Mr. Knowles is director of education for the YMCA's central branch, the author of several books, and the producer and moderator of a television program in the education field. This was the second of CHICAGO's fall meetings, the first having been a very successful outdoor steak roast and series of discussion groups held October 16.

The Section was also active in developing and promoting a conference on Outdoor Education School Camping. The meeting took place December 2, as this issue was being mailed to readers. Mr. Marion Jordan acted as chairman of the committee planning this meeting.

Two new camp memberships have recently been received by Chicago. They are: Zelmer S. Novak, Play Clubs of South Shore, Inc.; and G. B. Millbush, Glenwood Boys Club.

ST. LOUIS held its November meeting on the 9th, with Mr. Hedley S. Dimock, of George Williams College, Chicago, as the speaker. His topic was "Standards for Camping."

MICHIGAN reports, through President David Aptekar and Standards Chairman Catherine V. Richards, that helping camps to improve practices has been a major focus of service for 1949-50. After drafting and accepting standards in program, personnel, administration and health and safety, member camps agreed on ways and means to make an appraisal program work.

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AFTER TAPS

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The Plus Factor

By HIRSH KAPLAN
Phoenix (Ariz.) Jewish Community Center

To some people who worked at camps it was just a job that paid poorly, or maybe a pleasant way to spend the summer. But those of us who worked at Alliance Camp years ago, worked there for the love of it. The camp wasn't much, just a field once used for cultivation and still bearing furrows, a narrow rocky beach on Lake Erie, a Rec' Hall and some tents, a wooded ravine.

My professional vocabulary has grown, since those early days, as a result of education and experience. Examination of underlying principles has come to occupy my attention more than organization of program. I am searching for the reason why Alliance Camp was permeated with that priceless ingredient, a plus factor, born out of spirit that yielded much genuine pleasure, high exaltation and good comradeship.

I want to tell you a story of a day that exemplifies this spirit. The day dawned cold and ugly. Campers and counselors, all girls, went about listlessly. As the wind rose and whipped sheets and blankets, carelessness changed to noisy interest. Lowering skies presaged a storm. The wind grew stronger and dark clouds scudded across the sky. Birds disappeared. It began to rain big pelting drops. The big bell clanged for assembly and campers and counselors tumbled into the Rec' Hall laughing and shrieking with excitement.

Laura, our Camp Director, was calm as she made the necessary changes in her program plans. "You'd better get lunch," she said to me. "No telling how long this downpour will last. Get some lemons and cookies, too."

Camp Wise, our sister camp, where food and main items of supply were dispensed, was about a half mile away across the ravine. I got the food all right, and skidded and slashed back. I had just crossed the home-made bridge across the ravine when the rising water pulled it loose and carried it off. I left the food with the KP counselors and told Laura about the bridge. She was thoughtful. "We'll hold off lunch until one o'clock and save the lemonade. Maybe by supper time we'll be able to climb the ravine," she said.

After lunch we had a short staff meeting. The report on the condition of the camp wasn't good. Every tent was down; cots and clothing were sodden. While the girls were meeting I cleaned and filled the oil lamps, just in case. Soon there was a sudden, terrific clap of

thunder and the lights went out. There was a complete silence in the Rec' Hall until I heard Hilda call out, "It's OK, kids. Kappy is getting the lamps ready. We'll have lights in a minute!" Then kids started singing, "Here we sit like birds in the wilderness, waiting for the lamps to light."

It was a tense afternoon. We had to keep up the tempo of activities and to hide our concern. At every burst of thunder and crack of lightning campers and counselors would look over at Laura and me to see how we were taking it. Supper time came and we put out food that had been saved from lunch, with the lemonade and cookies. Sight of the party refreshments gave everyone a wonderful lift. It was a little thing that told everybody that we were still operating as an organized camp. Laura made a little talk. She told the campers it would be nice to make up a show and go over to Camp Wise tomorrow to entertain them. The idea caught on and everyone got busy.

All at once there was a frightening crash. A window at the far side had shattered and rain poured in. The scare was enough to upset the fine equilibrium between adventure and fright. Campers crowded against the wall and several began to cry.

We got through the night all right. It was the longest one in my memory. Toilets flooded, drinking water gave out, another window broke and we ran out of kerosene. Hardly anyone slept, but when the storm stopped just about dawn both campers and counselors were filled with a spirit that could not be subdued. The sun came out and tried hard to dry up the place. We got the camp in shape as best we could and washed on the beach. The whole camp climbed the ravine for breakfast at Camp Wise and we marched into the mess hall there singing our new camp song, born out of the turmoil of the previous night. Later we put on our new show for them. Everyone said it was wonderful.

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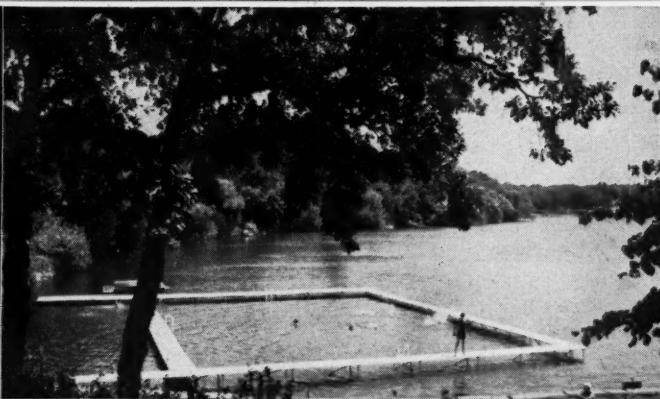
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